

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph indicated below in its entirety with the replacement text as marked up.

Specification, page 2, line 27 - page 3, line 12:

Conventional protocols and services have been established for the Internet which allow the transfer of various types of information, including electronic mail via simple mail transfer protocol (SMTP), basic file transfers via FTP (file transfer protocol), remote computing via Telnet, "gopher" searching, Usenet newsgroups, and hypertext file delivery and multimedia streaming via the World Wide Web (WWW). A given server can be dedicated to performing one of these operations, or running multiple services. Internet services are typically accessed by specifying a unique address, or universal resource locator (URL). The URL has two basic components, the protocol to be used, and the object pathname. For example, the URL "~~http://www.uspto.gov~~" (of the home page for the United States Patent & Trademark Office) specifies a hypertext transfer protocol ("http") and a pathname of the server ("~~www.uspto.gov~~"). The server name is associated with a unique numeric value (a TCP/IP address, or "domain").